



# News Release

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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Chelan County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Diana K. Alderman** (NC10093748) with unprofessional conduct. Alderman worked at an assisted living facility. She allegedly admitted grabbing a resident's shoulders and restraining him from getting out of bed because, she said, she thought he "needed to rest."

### **Clallam County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **DonaJene L. Dafoe** (NC10081139) with unprofessional conduct. Dafoe worked at a nursing home. The state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found that Dafoe financially exploited a nursing home resident by accepting and cashing a \$200 check. As a result, DSHS prohibited her from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Clark County**

In April 2014 the Dental Commission entered into an agreement with dentist and general anesthesia permit holder **Thomas M. Kreger** (DE00005279, GA10000108). He must undergo continuing evaluations and inspections of his anesthesia and sedation administration, complete continuing education in risk management, pass a jurisprudence exam, and reimburse the

commission for \$7,780.50 in investigative and hearing preparation expenses. Kreger didn't follow required procedures in administering sedation or anesthesia to five patients. Kreger's treatment records and billing didn't match what he told the commission about the type of anesthesia and sedation his office provided. Kreger allowed an unregistered dental assistant to practice without a license.

### **Franklin County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Glenna K. Tucker** (RN00142058) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Tucker was convicted of hit/run-unattended and of two counts of driving while intoxicated.

### **Grant County**

In April 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Estela Yarrito** (CP00003751) with unprofessional conduct. Yarrito's treatment of three patients allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in areas including inaccurate diagnoses, inappropriate care levels, and missing treatment plans.

### **King County**

In April 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Youpeng Yin** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Yin, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided massage treatment to a client.

In April 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Iris S. Brown** (CO60148478).

In April 2014 the Medical Commission ended agreed orders with physician **Robert G. Haining** (MD00008934), who may now practice without restrictions.

In March 2014 the Medical Assistant Program denied a certified medical assistant credential to **Scott David Hale** (CM60416265). In 2013 Hale's agency affiliated counselor credential was suspended for at least five years.

### **Lewis County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Laura Lusk** (RN00099290, AP30004955) with unprofessional conduct. Lusk allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

### **Pend Oreille County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Cindy Ann Lieske** (NA00068722) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took about \$50 from a patient's home, later repaying the money.

### **Pierce County**

In April 2014 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician credential to **Michelle Velasquez Malang** (HT60373460) and placed her on probation. Malang was placed on probation when she was granted a health care assistant credential in 2012.

In April 2014 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Allen Wayne Traywick** (PY00000657) with unprofessional conduct. Traywick allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in performing psychosexual evaluations of two clients, which created a risk of harm for a client and a child.

### **Skagit County**

In April 2014 the Agency Affiliated Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional programs charged agency affiliated counselor and chemical dependency professional trainee **Wendy Ann Lee** (CG60274634, CO60308239) with unprofessional conduct. Lee allegedly admitted developing a non-therapeutic relationship with a male inmate while she worked at a correctional facility.

In April 2014 the Medical Assistant Program charged medical assistant **Rory Evan Andes** (CM60374959) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Andes was convicted of two counts of first-degree child molestation and one count of second-degree child rape.

### **Snohomish County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sharron C. Nelson** (NC10101962) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. In Snohomish County Superior Court, Nelson was found to be gravely disabled as a result of a mental disorder. Charges say a Department of Health investigator saw Nelson pretend to take her medications when she had hidden them instead. Nelson allegedly indicated she planned to go back to work as soon as possible but later said she was willing to stop caring for patients.

In April 2014 the Respiratory Care Program charged respiratory care practitioner **Rebecca Lynn Rose** (LR00002210) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 Rose was convicted of reckless driving. In 2013 she was convicted of third-degree assault, driving while intoxicated, and third-degree malicious mischief.

### **Spokane County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jessica L. Johnson** (NA00183818) with unprofessional conduct. On a random drug test, Johnson allegedly tested positive for methamphetamines, amphetamines, and marijuana.

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Andrea Melissa Olsen** (RN00111310) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Olsen was convicted of second-degree introducing contraband.

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended conditions on the credential of registered nursing assistant **Kyle Gerald Boyd Nichols** (NA60187523).

### **Stevens County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Arthur S. Figueroa, Jr.** (NC10039615) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Figueroa was investigated in connection with the theft of a wallet belonging to a resident at a long-term care facility where he worked. Figueroa denied being involved. The wallet allegedly was found in a van he drove to work.

In April 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Kerry “Care” Tafoya** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. For about a year, Tafoya allegedly practiced massage, represented herself on business cards as a certified massage therapist, maintained a massage studio, and advertised her prices for various massage services. She has no massage credential.

### **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In April 2014 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreement with registered nurse **Melissa Anne Chartrey** (RN60132399) that places her on probation for at least 24 months and fines her \$500. Chartrey didn’t document her assessment of a patient or the patient’s change in condition, nor did she follow up to ensure the patient’s care was documented or carried out as instructed.

**Oregon:** In March 2014 the Nursing Commission denied a licensed practical nurse credential to **Claudia Elizabeth Galdamez** (LP60432561), who doesn’t meet the education requirements.

**South Dakota:** In April 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered into an agreement with **Lianhua Li** under which she agrees to cease and desist from practicing massage unless she gets a credential. Without a credential, Li provided a massage to a client.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The [Department of Health website](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).

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